

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE  
FURTHERANCE OF B. C. INDIAN ARTS & CRAFTS.

NAME

The Name of the Association is The Society for the Furtherance of B. C. Indian Arts & Crafts.

OBJECTS

- (1) To compile a schedule and pictorial record of authentic specimens of:
  - (a) the Totem Poles
  - (b) " Pictographs & Petroglyphs
  - (c) other Tribal Arts & Craftsof the Province, and to move in their preservation.
- (2) To compile a Bibliography on B.C. Arts & Crafts as a record for reference and for answer to enquiry.
- (3) To collect new material in the form of drawings, photographs, or written records of B.C. Indian Arts & Crafts.
- (4) To encourage commercial use of these and all other authentic B.C. Indian designs.
- (5) To gather records of B.C. Native Music.
- (6) To compile a Bibliography of B.C. Native Mythology and of the Drama arising therefrom.
- (7) To keep a card index of the records covered by items (1) to (6), cross referenced in the usual manner.
- (8) To encourage Pupils in Indian Schools and Tribal Experts in the revival of their latent gifts of Arts, Crafts and Drama, with a view to improve their economic position, to restore their self respect, and to induce more sympathetic relations between them and their fellow Canadians.
- (9) To publish leaflets, books and articles in hermony with the work of the Society.

By these ways and means:

- (a) To provide the Indians with a natural outlet for self expression in the best traditions of their forefathers.
- (b) To arouse Public interest in, and sympathy with the Indians.
- (c) To provide such picturesque attractions as may encourage Tourist Traffic and generally advertize the Province.

In General:

It must be distinctly understood that the Society shall not collect specimens to form a Museum or an Archives of its own. All specimens and material coming into the hands of the Society which may be suitable to such institutions shall be offered to the Provincial Archives, the Provincial Museum or to the Department of Education. Should such specimens or material, so offered, be refused by such institutions, then the said specimens and material shall be sold by the Council for the benefit of the Funds of that particular branch of the Society responsible for their collection.

MEMBERSHIP & FEES.

Members shall consist of two classes, namely Honorary Members and Ordinary Members.

Honorary Members shall be elected by the Council from eminent persons, especially those deemed worthy of the honour by reason of their attainments in the Arts & Crafts, or in Sociology, or in other Sciences in harmony with the aims and objects of the Society.



Ordinary Members now in good standing, or elected as below, shall pay a fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) in advance, at the commencement of each fiscal year.

Each new member shall make application for membership and be vouched for by two members in good standing.

Members shall be permitted to bring an applicant to one meeting before application for membership is made.

Any member in default of dues shall be suspended after three months, but may be reinstated on payment of arrears and a reinstatement fee of 50 cents.

#### ORGANIZATION.

The Headquarters of the Society shall be at the Provincial Museum, Victoria, and the affairs of the Society shall be administered by a Council elected annually by ballot.

Local sections may be formed in any center of the Province with the consent of the parent body, each section having an annually elected Council of its own which shall have full control over its programme and local business, provided that it abides by and adheres to the Constitution herein set forth, except for modifications deemed necessary to suit local requirements. Such local sections shall at all times work in co-operation with the parent body.

The Victoria section shall rank as the Senior Section of the Society.

#### OFFICERS.

Any member in good standing shall be eligible for election to office.

The officers of the Society shall be: a Patron, an Honorary President, a President, a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and a Bibliographer.

The officers for each ensuing year shall be balloted for and selected as provided for hereinafter.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

##### President.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and at all meetings of the Council.

He shall sign all cheques in payment of authorized accounts and bills, after such cheques have been prepared and signed by the Treasurer.

He shall also sign the Minutes immediately upon their confirmation.

##### Vice-President.

The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the President's absence.

##### The Corresponding Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary shall receive, and conduct the correspondence of the Society, and, when called upon, shall produce and read the same at Regular or Extraordinary Meetings of the Society.



The Recording Secretary.

The Recording Secretary shall record all proceedings, prepare and read the minutes, and having signed the minutes shall present them, after their confirmation, to the President for signature.

The Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys; issue and sign cheques for payment of authorized expenditures and present these cheques to the President for signature; report, at the request of the President, the state of the finances; and submit books, balance sheets and vouchers for audit when instructed to do so.

Bibliographer.

The Bibliographer shall be especially concerned in carrying out the provisions outlined in items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 of the Aims and Objects as set forth. [on page one hereof.]

In connection with the records of the Bibliographer it is hereby provided that:

(a) In the event of the suspension or dissolution of the Society, then all material gathered by, or placed in the hands of the Bibliographer shall be offered to the Provincial Museum, to the Dept. of Education or to the Provincial Archives.

(b) Should any Branch of the Society decide not to appoint a Bibliographer, then every effort should be made to preserve the pictures and other records which would otherwise come into the Bibliographer's care by placing these in the hands of the Recording Secretary of the said Branch, or by forwarding same for the care of the Bibliographer of the Parent Body.

QUORUM.

A quorum at a general meeting shall consist of seven members in good standing.

A quorum of the Council shall consist of five members in good standing.

COUNCIL.

The Council shall consist of ten elected members. In addition to these the Immediate Past President and the Presiding Officer in each section shall also be members of the Council ex officio.

For the election of the Council a ballot paper shall be sent by the Secretary to each member in good standing, at least one week before the annual meeting. Each such ballot paper shall contain fifteen or more names, including names proposed by the Council, as well as the names of any persons who may have been nominated by three members in good standing at least one week prior to the issue of the ballot papers. To be valid the ballot must be received by the Secretary before the time of the closing the poll at the annual meeting.

As soon as convenient after the election, the Council shall meet, and from its members shall select the officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

Should any office, for any reason, become vacant, or should any member of the Council die, or resign, before the expiration of his term, then the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term shall be filled by vote of the Council.



The duties of the Council are as follows:

- (a) The recommendation of expenditures, the examination of accounts and bills, and the reporting concerning financial matters to the meeting of the Society.
- (b) The receptation of applications for membership and recommendation concerning the fitness of applicants.
- (c) Such other matters as may, from time to time, be referred to the Council by a motion passed at a regular meeting.

In the absence of a quorum at a regular meeting the Council shall conduct the necessary business of the Society.

It shall be the prerogative of the President to appoint special sub-committees, with power to increase, or reduce, the membership of such sub-committees, from time to time, as circumstances may warrant.

#### MEETINGS.

General meetings of the Society shall be held on the second Wednesday of every month.

Meetings of the Council shall be at the call of the President.

The Annual General Meeting shall be the first regular meeting in each new year.

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by any three of the Council or by a quorum of members.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

General meetings shall discuss the following items of business:

- 1 Minutes
- 2 Reports of Officers and of Committees
- 3 Correspondence
- 4 Accounts & Bills
- 5 Unfinished Business
- 6 New Business
- 7 Nominations & Elections
- 8 Adjournment

A meeting mainly for a purpose other than business, shall follow the order set by the Chairman.

Roberts Rules of Order, in so far as these are applicable to this constitution, shall govern in all meetings of the Society.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

Notice of Motion shall be required whenever a change in the constitution is contemplated, but under no other circumstances.

The Constitution of the Society shall not be altered, added to, amended or repealed except by a two thirds majority in vote by the membership, always providing that notification in writing to the membership shall have been given at least three weeks previous to the next general meeting at which the voting will take place.

FINANCE.

The Fiscal Year of the Society shall commence on January 1st in each year.

A Bank Account shall be opened in the name of the Society with a proviso for two signatures for the drawing of cheques.

At the conclusion of the Fiscal Year a balance sheet shall be submitted by the Treasurer for the approval of the Council, and, after audit by an auditor appointed at a previous general meeting shall be presented to the Society at the Annual Meeting.